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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**APPLICANT:** Lothar Eggeling *et al.*

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**ART UNIT:** 1652

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**EXAMINER:** C. Fronda

**FOR:** "Method for Microbially Producing L-Valine"

**MS Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 3, 2007, the time for a response to which has been extended to and through May 3, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.